

**Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: May 19, 2004

Division: Board of County Commissioners

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: **George R. Neugent**

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

A request for a full and comprehensive report to the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed Rural Health Network Insurance Program for the uninsured residents of Monroe County.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

It appears –without request from the Board of County Commissioners, State Representative Sorensen with support from the Rural Health Network partnered to pass legislation that would create a Countywide Insurance Program with a start-up cost loan of 3 million dollars. Based upon correspondence, the Attorney General of the State of Florida questions the legal ability to do such. In a letter from Lewis W. Fishman, Attorney, to Mary Ann Hiatt, Administrator of the Lower Keys Hospital District – He states, "The district should refrain from being deemed a "partner" in this venture, historically, self insured health insurance vehicles such as the one proposed have failed, notwithstanding good intentions and actuarially projected premiums, and therefore, it would not behoove the District to be considered a venture partner whose exposure can be viewed not just from the potential loss of its loan, but as an entity at risk for a failed insurance vehicle."

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST:

BUDGETED: YES ☐ NO ☐

COST TO COUNTY: \$ *NA*

Source of Funds: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: YES ☐ NO ☐ **AMT PER MONTH:** **YEAR:**

APPROVED BY: COUNTY ATTY ☐ OMB/PURCHASING ☐ RISK MANAGEMENT ☐

APPROVAL:


Commissioner GEORGE R. NEUGENT
DISTRICT II

DOCUMENTATION: INCLUDED ☐ TO FOLLOW ☐ NOT REQUIRED ☒

DISPOSITION:

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